

SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

Whilst the premiership is practically determined, some of the matches this weekend could have a material affect upon the semi-final positions but before proceeding to write of these, it is a pity that the game between Weston v. Pan Hellenic last weekend should have been marred by two incidents.

On Sunday, Merewether journeys to Jesmond and although there is a difference of 11 points between these teams it is interesting to note that Merewether forwards have scored only seven fewer goals than those of Jesmond, however the defence has conceded double the number of goals compared with Jesmond who should gain another two points.

Young Wallsend will be hosts to Charlestown and although on paper Young Wallsend should win and will be keen to win to settle the argument that arose from the first round clash of these two teams, they will not have things all their way, as the defence of

Charlestown appears to have stiffened considerably in the last three matches when Charlestown won, 3-0, 2-1 and 6-2.

Kearsley visit Dudley-Redhead and the home team should have no difficulty in recording another win.

Pan Hellenic meet Swansea-Belmont at Charlestown and here we have all the ear marks of a really close exciting match as only four teams, but Pan Hellenic have a slightly better record and should ultimately prove the winner of a close match.

In the remaining fixture Slavia United v. Weston and this match should give Weston the opportunity of finally clinching the premiership.

Matches in the Third Division last weekend did nothing to relieve the position of the premiership table and we still have eight points covering six teams.

On Saturday, Hamilton Azzuri will play Teachers' College and the leaders should have no difficulty in

maintaining their position at the top of the table.

Nelson Bay journey to Barnsley and with five points separating the two teams the visitors should have no difficulty in adding another two points to their tally although on a number of occasions this season Barnsley have shone against stronger opposition.

Possibly the outstanding match of the round will be the clash at Wallsend Park between South Wallsend and Toronto Diggers, as only two points separate the two teams. In the first round South Wallsend won comfortably but whilst the South Wallsend forwards have scored nine goals more than those of Toronto Diggers, their defence has conceded six more than Toronto Diggers. This makes it extremely doubtful as to the outcome of this match as I will refrain from forecasting.

Macquarie Wanderers journey to Stockton and should win this match and will no doubt go all out to do so in case South Wall-

send defeats Toronto Diggers which would then put the Wanderers in fourth position again after being dropped back following their defeat last weekend.

In the remaining fixture Newcastle Tech. will meet Bellbird at Tighes Hill and the Coalfields team should maintain their position on the premiership table with another win.

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MAITLAND MIGHT BE DOWN, BUT NOT OUT

If you hear a rumour that Maitland Club will out of Northern Soccer if the team is to go into the Second Division next season, scotch it — and scotch it hard.

There's not the semblance of truth in it, according to John Sullivan, the Club President, who should know. "If we go down, we'll fight to get back in the top division, just as we battled to gain promotion two years ago" he told "Northern Soccer News" this week.

"It might be a bitter pill to go down, but it's one we can swallow and come back for more," he said.

"It's absurd to even suggest that Maitland will call it a day just because we lose" said Mr. Sullivan. Soccer is in Maitland to stay and, in fact, we've plans for next season to put the game even more on the map in the district than it is."

Mr. Sullivan said the club was going right ahead with its plans to be part of a venture which hopes to provide a modern football ground for the club and in other ways which might bring more revenue to it.

Maitland has suffered because it came into big-time football lacking solid financial backing and, in its four years, has done wonders when one comes to think of it. In its first year, the club finished third in the Second Division premiership and, in the next season, finished on top so that it gained promotion to the First Division. It held its place in 1963 but is in great danger of going down again now.

But as John Sullivan says: "We've been down before and got up again. We can do that again if necessary." That's the spirit!—P. McK.

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CARDIFF v. NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL

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WALLSEND v. LAKE MACQUARIE

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Cardiff's all out effort to defeat Australs

Cardiff Soccer team next Sunday will endeavour to reverse the decision when they played Australs in the first round when they were defeated 7-2.

Cardiff's team has improved since that match only being narrowly defeated by Lake Macquarie 1-0 last weekend and centre forward D. Schio failed to score from the penalty stop. Schio is keen to make up for this and it is the last match in which he can catch the leading goal scorers. Ray Neal has fully recovered from his leg injury and it is hoped that M. Black will be back for this match. Merv being married a week last Saturday.

Cardiff supporters are very pleased at the performances of John Hobson at left half. John has been tried in the forwards but seems to be more suited to the wing half back. What he does not have in robustness he makes up for in ball control and positioned play.

Alex Howe showed against Maitland what a good team player he is when he was moved from the fullback position to the forwards. He gave an exhibition and scored a fine goal. This player could become the backbone of the Cardiff team in the future.

Congratulations go to the reserve grade side who with a late bid has now made the semi-finals and it is hoped that they will go on to better things. Also the Under 18 side played good

football in their semi-final and play the final on Saturday.



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Cardiff's inside left

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MOST PROBLEMS FOR TOPS AND BOTTOMS WILL BE SOLVED IN WEEKEND MATCHES

Now comes the moment of truth for those teams in the Northern Soccer League Premierships which have problems as regards finishing on top of, or on the bottom of, the points score tables.

In all but the Third Division, premierships end this weekend and some interesting issues are involved.

Lake Macquarie is the First Division premier and with it into the semi-final round go Newcastle Austral and Awaba. But it will not be till the last kick in two matches tomorrow that it will be known if Adamstown or Wallsend will be the fourth team. And with Wallsend, now a point in front of Adamstown, to meet Lake Macquarie at Wallsend and Adamstown tripping out to West Wallsend for its match, anything could happen.

At the other end of the points score table, Cessnock and Maitland will be battling for survival, al-

though if Maitland fails to win at Mayfield this afternoon it seems doomed, for even a draw might not be good enough since Cessnock has the better goal average by .127, most of which it should retain, even in defeat at Toronto tomorrow . . . although Cessnock's players will not hear of any such thing as a loss, the side being much encouraged by wins in the last two matches — successes that certainly came at the right time for the club.

Here's how teams stand—

- 28 POINTS — Lake Macquarie, goal average 2.18.
23 POINTS — Newcastle Austral, 1.46; Awaba, 1.41.
19 POINTS — Wallsend, 1.30.
18 POINTS — Adamstown, 1.05.
13 POINTS — Mayfield United, .85; Cardiff, .81.
12 POINTS — West Wallsend, .80.
11 POINTS — Cessnock, .604.
10 POINTS — Maitland, .477.

Adamstown's Alliance League team needs, it seems, no more than a draw at West Wallsend tomorrow to win the divisional premiership since, even if Wallsend defeats Lake Macquarie while Adamstown drew, the Adamstown goal average would keep it in front. Awaba and Cardiff are in the best positions to gain fourth and fifth places, but Lake Macquarie has still some hope, even if it is small.

Maitland cannot escape being last team in the Alliance League.

The calling-off of matches in which Pan Hellenic and Belmont-Swansea were to

have played in the Second Division and Second Division reserve grade competitions last Sunday, because of the poor state of the ground, might cause a slight delay in completing at least one of the competitions since the clubs are vitally concerned in both.

Weston has won the Second Division premiership and so goes into the First Division next season. Pan Hellenic will finish second it seems in front of Belmont-Swansea, and needs only one point from its last two matches to make sure of so doing. Dudley-Redhead to finish fourth, even if beaten this weekend

since it has the goal average to give it an edge.

Merewether will be last team in both sections of the Second Division, in the reserve grade of which Belmont-Swansea and Weston are cutting at each other for the pennant. Belmont-Swansea has a match in hand and is level on points with Weston, but has easily the better goal average. If each team wins this weekend, the title will go to Belmont-Swansea, even without its deferred match against Pan Hellenic. Charlestown will be third but Dudley-Redhead and Young Wallsend, level with 18 points, are disputing the fourth place, with Dudley-Redhead slightly in front on goal average.

There are four series of matches yet to play in the Third Division. Hamilton Azzuri, a 14-1 winner last Sunday to record the biggest winning margin of the season, has a two points lead from Bellbird, with four teams disputing the next two places.

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	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
ADAMSTOWN	17	12	3	2	62	16	27
WALLSEND	17	11	4	2	57	19	26
AWABA	17	11	3	3	45	18	25
CARDIFF	17	9	4	4	43	21	22
LAKE MACQ.	17	9	2	6	39	31	20
CESSNOCK	17	7	2	8	23	31	16
WEST WALLSEND	17	4	4	9	30	37	12
MAYFIELD	17	4	2	11	24	47	10
N'CLE AUSTRAL	17	4	1	12	25	48	9
MAITLAND	17	1	1	15	16	96	3

TOTALS 170 72 26 72 364 364 170

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
WESTON	17	16	0	1	74	21	32
PAN HELLENIC	16	12	2	2	57	22	26
BEL-SWANSEA	16	10	2	4	48	26	22
DUDLEY-RED.	17	9	2	6	46	43	20
YOUNG WALL.	17	7	4	6	31	39	18
JESMOND	17	7	3	7	39	33	17
SLAVIA UTD.	17	3	4	10	21	43	10
CHARLESTOWN	17	4	2	11	27	55	10
KEARSLEY	17	4	1	12	26	45	9
MEREWETHER	17	2	0	15	29	71	4

TOTALS 168 74 20 74 398 398 168

SECOND DIVISION—RESERVE GRADE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
TOTALS	160	71	18	71	371	371	160
BELMONT-SWAN.	16	14	1	1	66	13	29
WESTON	17	14	1	2	74	21	29
CHARLESTOWN	17	10	3	4	43	31	23
DUDLEY-RED.	17	8	2	7	48	32	18
YOUNG WALL.	17	8	2	7	33	33	18
JESMOND	17	7	2	8	48	39	16
PAN HELLENIC	16	5	2	9	29	42	12
SLAVIA UTD.	17	4	2	11	22	55	10
KEARSLEY	17	2	5	10	21	46	9
MEREWETHER	17	2	0	15	8	80	4

TOTALS 168 74 20 74 392 392 168

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
HAM. AZZURI	18	15	2	1	63	15	32
BELLBIRD	18	14	2	2	71	23	30
SOUTH WALL.	18	12	2	4	50	33	26
TORONTO DIGS.	18	12	2	4	42	26	26
MACQ. WANDS.	18	11	3	4	75	25	25
NELSON BAY	18	10	3	5	62	31	23
TECH. COLLEGE	18	6	2	10	29	57	14
THE ENTRANCE	18	5	1	12	27	82	11
STOCKTON	18	3	0	15	22	96	6
TEACHERS' COLL.	18	2	1	15	29	93	5

TOTALS 198 98 20 80 528 528 216

Because of the bye each weekend in the Third Division premiership—each team receiving two points for it—it is not possible to balance the table as in other divisions.

FIRST DIVISION MATCHES AND TEAMS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

MAYFIELD UNITED V. MAITLAND

Green with White	White with Black
1. K. MINTER	1. M. BAMBACH
2. A. LAMBKIN	2. J. SNAITH
3. O. WEST	3. F. RAUCH
4. R. HUMPHRIS	4. J. MEIER
5. R. BOSLEM	5. H. SCHNEIDER
6. D. SMITH	6. M. PARKER
7. K. McGUINESS	7. K. LAUGHLIN
8. B. LEWSAM	8. K. SIMON
9. W. HUMPHRIS	9. F. WOOD
10. A. SKELLEY	10. N. SCOTT
11. K. ROSS	11. S. ELLENBACHER

Referee: L. Mottershead. Linesmen: T. Ayre, C. Jack.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

AWABA V. CESSNOCK

Blue with Gold Stripes	Gold with Black
1. J. SMITH	1. J. HOGG
2. R. HITCHCOCK	2. J. JARVIE
3. J. DOLAN	3. K. ROWBOTTOM
4. R. REYNOLDS	4. T. NELLIES
5. J. PRETSWELL	5. C. ALMOND
6. L. SHARP	6. B. WILLIAMS
7. G. PINCHES	7. C. MOWATT
8. D. FIELD	8. J. LEINARD
9. R. BURGOYNE	9. J. BARR
10. H. GOODSIR	10. T. SNEDDON
11. B. SHARP	11. K. DUNCAN

Ref.: R. Roth. L'men.: D. Thompson, W. Gardiner.

WEST WALLSEND V. ADAMSTOWN

Blue with White	White with Red & Green
1. W. ARMSTRONG	1. J. DORMAN
2. R. COOPER	2. J. McINALLY
3. A. WILSON	3. C. CURRAN
4. R. HUGHES	4. R. BAARTZ
5. B. PEARCE	5. J. EASTON
6. K. WOODS	6. R. CAMERON
7. S. MULLAWA	7. W. COOK
8. K. IRWIN	8. D. JOHNS
9. D. AHRENS	9. B. DAYKIN
10. T. YEATS	10. J. POWER
11. J. SHEEN	11. R. HOWELLS

Referee: A. Brown. Linesmen: P. Bird, W. Turner.

CARDIFF V. NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL

Tangerine with White	Mauve with White
1. G. TAYLOR	1. J. LANZONI
2. H. FAITH	2. E. SOKOLOWSKI
3. J. McNAIRN	3. R. DEAN
4. J. O'BRIEN	4. J. DOOLAN
5. T. ICETON	5. R. McKENZIE
6. J. HOBSON	6. R. LLOYD
7. R. NEAL	7. K. TWIDLE
8. A. HOWE	8. W. BARON
9. D. SCHIO	9. T. GARRETT
10. A. REID	10. W. HARVEY
11. J. SNEDDON	11. W. PATON

Referee: W. Jones. L'men.: L. Mottershead, F. Myles.

WALLSEND V. LAKE MACQUARIE

Red with White	White with Blue & Gold
1. A. HOURIGAN	1. K. GABRIEL
2. D. MORROW	2. J. HITCHCOCK
3. K. NOLAN	3. E. McGRATH
4. W. DAVIES	4. J. WOODS
5. D. BULLEN	5. J. WELHAM
6. G. GREEN	6. L. WALSH
7. B. MORROW	7. J. BOARDMAN
8. J. MORROW	8. W. WRIGHT
9. K. WHITMORE	9. T. PAJKOVIC
10. R. GILES	10. G. HINCHCLIFFE
11. K. PRINGLE	11. J. DOYLE

Referee: K. Urwin. L'men.: A. Roberts, G. Muir.

NORTHERN LEAGUE POINTS TABLE

	HOME MATCHES							AWAY MATCHES							TOTALS						
	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.		W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
LAKE MACQUARIE	6	2	1	16	6	14		6	2	0	19	10	14		17	12	4	1	35	16	28
AUSTRAL	8	0	1	35	16	16		3	1	4	12	16	7		17	11	1	5	47	32	23
AWABA	5	2	1	25	13	12		5	1	3	23	22	11		17	10	3	4	48	34	23
WALLSEND	6	0	2	31	14	12		2	3	4	20	25	7		17	8	3	6	51	39	19
ADAMSTOWN	6	0	3	24	19	12		2	2	4	17	20	6		17	8	2	7	41	39	18
MAYFIELD	3	3	2	19	18	9		2	0	7	17	24	4		17	5	3	9	36	42	13
CARDIFF	4	1	3	19	14	9		2	0	7	16	29	4		17	6	1	10	35	43	13
WEST WALLSEND	3	0	5	20	24	6		2	2	5	18	23	6		17	5	2	10	38	47	12
CESSNOCK	2	3	4	18	24	7		2	0	6	9	19	4		17	4	3	10	27	43	11
MAITLAND	2	2	5	6	19	6		1	2	5	15	25	4		17	3	4	10	21	44	10
TOTALS	45	13	27	213	166	103		27	13	45	166	213	67		170	72	26	72	379	379	170

ADAMSTOWN'S MOVE OPENS NEW VISTA FOR YOUTH IN SOCCER

By PAUL MACKENZIE

Adamstown Rosebuds Soccer Club merits the commendation of every Soccer enthusiast in Australia on its enterprise in providing an annual scholarship which has the laudable ambition of sending up-and-coming youngsters to sit at the feet of the mighty in the game and absorb knowledge which will be of help to everyone in the game.

This is the conclusion one gains from the announcement that the club is prepared to spend a vast amount of money in sending Ray Baartz and Doug Johns — two comers in Soccer if ever there were — to England to join Manchester United's playing strength for about three months — there to learn what Manchester United's playing staff is prepared and eager to teach.

It's all very well to say: "Oh, well, Adamstown is making the money and it can afford it."

True, perhaps, but it beggars the point.

Adamstown is doing something with the money it has, something that is tangible, something that is sensible, something that is admirable.

It is blazing a Soccer trail and proving that traffic in players need not be only one way.

No other club in any sphere of sport in Australia has, to my knowledge adopted such an imaginative method of using its profits. Certainly no club has used its money to such good purpose.

What a magnet this will be for the up-and-coming youngsters! The chance to be coached by some of Eng-

land's greats, to play on some of the most noted grounds in the world, the opportunity is one that will have every lad panting to pull on an Adamstown jersey.

The Adamstown Club, in deciding to award an annual football scholarship which has as its ultimate reward a tour such as Baartz and Doug Johns are to be given, has no limits — except one. It is that a player must be a member of Adamstown Club to receive it. And that's fair enough!

As Sam Delves, President of the Northern Soccer League, said when he heard the glad tidings: "Adamstown is making a most valuable contribution to the progress of the game, not only in the North but in Australia."

Adamstown has seen the writing on the wall much sooner than most. Instead of paying big sums to bring players to Adamstown it is taking a gamble, with the same money, on making its

HOW FIRST ROUND MATCHES ENDED

Matches in the Northern Soccer First Division premiership this weekend will be in the 18th — and last — series. The corresponding fixtures in the first round were in the ninth series, played on June 13 and 14, when home teams this weekend were the visiting sides. The matches resulted — Maitland 1, Mayfield United 3; Adamstown 5, West Wallsend 4; Newcastle Austral 7, Cardiff 2; Cessnock 3, Awaba 2; Lake Macquarie 1, Wallsend 1.

own players. And surely that is the best plan.

There is so much in this plan and its promise that one's mind boggles at the prospect.

But of one thing this publication is sure. It is that Adamstown Club can rest assured that it has the ungrudging admiration and respect of every right-thinking Soccer enthusiast for its brilliant conception of what is best to be done to help in the advance of the game in Australia.

ALL SOCCER PLAYERS TAKE NOTE!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1964, AT 7.30 P.M.

at Wallsend Soccer Football Ground

A further meeting of the newly formed Players' Committee (Union) will take place. A Special Legal Report will be given which concerns all First, Second and Third Division players. All members and intending members are asked to attend.

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SYDNEY MORNING HERALD BESTS AND FAIREST POINTS

John Wellham, who has done so much to keep Lake Macquarie on top in the Northern Soccer League First Division premiership, will be the winner of the "Sydney Morning Herald Best and Fairest Player Award" — and well does he deserve it.

With one series of matches to play to complete the competition, Wellham is six points in front in a competition in which the top award is three points.

He is, at the moment, six points in front of Ron Giles, of Wallsend, and eight in front of Joe Meier, of Maitland, and Ken Twidle, of Newcastle Austral.

It has been a fine competition, marked mainly by Wellham's consistency in the eyes of the judges — and also by the impartiality and sound summing-up of play by the five judges, who merit every praise for their good work. Points awarded last week-end were:—

CESSNOCK v. MAYFIELD UNITED — Judge, Alec Cameron :C. Almond (C.) 3; A. Lambkin (M.) 2; J. Barr (C.) 1.

NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL v. WEST WALLSEND — Judge, Jack O'Brien: K. Twidle (N.A.) 3; J. Doolan (N.A.) 2; W. Armstrong (W.W.) 1.

ADAMSTOWN v. AWABA — Judge, Sam Delves: R. Cameron (Adamstown) 3; D. Field (Awaba) 2; J. Dorman (Adamstown) 1.

MAITLAND v. WALLSEND — Judge, Percy Lennard: I. Thompson (M.) 3; W. Davies (W.) 2; R. Bullen (W.) 1.

LAKE MACQUARIE v. CARDIFF — Judge, Gavin Russell: E. McGrath (L.M.) 3; J. O'Brien (C.) 2; J. Wellham (L.M.) 1.

PROGRESS POINTS

28.—J. Wellham (Lake Macquarie).

22.—R. Giles (Wallsend).

20.—J. Meier (Maitland), K. Twidle (Newcastle Austral).

15.—R. Lloyd (Newcastle Austral).

14.—T. Sneddon (Cessnock), L. Sharp (Awaba), W. Davies (Wallsend), J. O'Brien (Cardiff).

13.—A. Skelly (Mayfield United).

12.—R. McKenzie (Newcastle Austral).

11.—J. McNally (Adamstown), K. Gabriel (Lake Macquarie).

10.—J. Power (Adamstown).

News from Gunnedah . .

The Northern League Cup has again been won by Gunnedah, as Narrabri considered the 14-0 lead held by Gunnedah too much to try to beat.

Semi-finals are now the order of the day. The first semi-final in all age has been played when Ajax defeated Curlewis.

A play-off is necessary in Under 16, as Ajax and Curlewis have finished equal.

In Under 14, Ajax are minor premiers followed by Curlewis, Police Boys and Wolseley Independents.

Under 12 has proved a very keen contest with Wolseley Independents with 26 points, played 15, won 12, drew 2, lost 1, 53 for 1 against being minor premiers. Curlewis 23, played 15, won 10, drew 3, lost 2, 54 for 7, beating Breeza on goal average. Breeza is the only team to win against Wolseley Independents, in fact the only team to score a goal against them! Breeza on 23 points, 10 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses, 50 for 14 against lead, Ajax on 11 points.

The Under 10 grade shows the only perfect performance in the local competition where Wolseley Independents have won their 12 matches without having a goal scored against them, while scoring 53 goals to get their 24 points. Curlewis on 17, Ajax and Liverpool Plains United are on nine, but Ajax lead on goal averages.

The littles in Under 8 show that the little fellows mean business with Ajax not losing a match to get their 29 points. Liverpool Plains United 14, Curlewis 10 and Police Boys 7. There

have been a lot of draws played in this grade with only Ajax being a good scoring team. Paul Keogh has been a regular scorer. Paul's father used to be a snappy half back on the Rugby League field before he saw the light. There are several other boys showing a lot of promise who should develop into very good players if they keep learning and really trying hard. The most important thing for all players is to practice the correct way to play all the year, not only during the football season.



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NORTHERN SOCCER LEAGUE MATCHES THIS WEEKEND

FIRST DIVISION.—Mayfield United v. Maitland; Awaba v. Cessnock; Cardiff v. Newcastle Austral; West Wallsend v. Adamstown; Wallsend v. Lake Macquarie.

ALLIANCE LEAGUE.—As in First Division.
SECOND DIVISION.—Weston v. Jesmond; Belmont-Swansea v. Slavia United; Kearsley v. Pan Hellenic; Charlestown v. Dudley-Redhead; Merewether v. Young Wallsend.

SECOND DIVISION.—Reserve grade: Matches as early fixtures to Second Division play.

THIRD DIVISION.—Bellbird v. Hamilton Azzuri; Macquarie Wanderers v. Newcastle Technical College; Toronto Diggers v. Stockton; The Entrance v. South Wallsend; Newcastle Teachers' College v. Barnsley; Nelson Bay, a bye.

THIRD DIVISION NEXT WEEKEND

ROUND 20.—Hamilton Azzuri v. Barnsley; South Wallsend v. Nelson Bay; Stockton v. The Entrance; Newcastle Technical College v. Toronto Diggers; Bellbird v. Macquarie Wanderers; Newcastle Teachers' College, a bye.

LEADING GOAL SCORERS

Ken Twidle, of Newcastle Austral, scored two of his side's four goals in the match against West Wallsend last Sunday and so joins Ron Giles, of Wallsend, at the top of the First Division goal-scoring list.

Each has scored 17 times in premiership fixtures and, with one match to play, there should be a keen tussle between them to hit the front. But Doug Field, of Awaba, who also scored twice last weekend, is close behind, he having scored 16 times.

Field has his chance to shine this weekend, for Awaba meets opposition which, on paper, is easier than Giles and Twidle will face.

Ken Whitmore, of Wallsend, who has been in the top bracket for most of the season, is two behind Twidle and Giles with Duho Schio, of Cardiff, three behind.

The top scorers are—
17.—K. Twidle (Newcastle Austral), R. Giles (Wallsend).
16.—D. Field (Awaba).
15.—K. Whitmore (Wallsend).
14.—D. Schio (Cardiff).
12.—R. Burgoyne (Awaba).
11.—A. Pakovic (Lake Macquarie).
10.—T. Hinchcliffe (Lake Macquarie).
9.—B. Morrow (Wallsend), B. Sharp (Awaba), K. Urwin (West Wallsend), N. Scott (Maitland).

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Last Week's Results

FIRST DIVISION.—Cessnock 4, Mayfield United 2; Maitland 1, Wallsend 1; Newcastle Austral 4, West Wallsend 2; Lake Macquarie 1, Cardiff 0; Adamstown 1, Awaba 2.

ALLIANCE LEAGUE.—Cessnock 4, Mayfield United 1; Maitland 0, Wallsend 8; Lake Macquarie 1, Cardiff 4; Newcastle Austral 4, West Wallsend 2; Adamstown 4, Awaba 2.

SECOND DIVISION.—Jesmond 4, Merewether 1; Young Wallsend 2, Charlestown 1; Dudley-Redhead 3, Kearsley 0; Slavia United 1, Weston 3; Pan Hellenic v. Belmont-Swansea, abandoned, ground unfit for play.

SECOND DIVISION.—Reserve grade: Jesmond 6, Merewether 2; Young Wallsend 0, Charlestown 2; Dudley-Redhead 3, Kearsley 3; Slavia United 0, Weston 5; Pan Hellenic v. Belmont-Swansea, match abandoned, ground unfit for play.

THIRD DIVISION.—Hamilton Azzuri 14, Newcastle Teachers' College 1; Barnsley 2, Nelson Bay 2; South Wallsend 3, Toronto Diggers 4; Stockton 0, Macquarie Wanderers 6; Newcastle Technical College 1, Bellbird 3.

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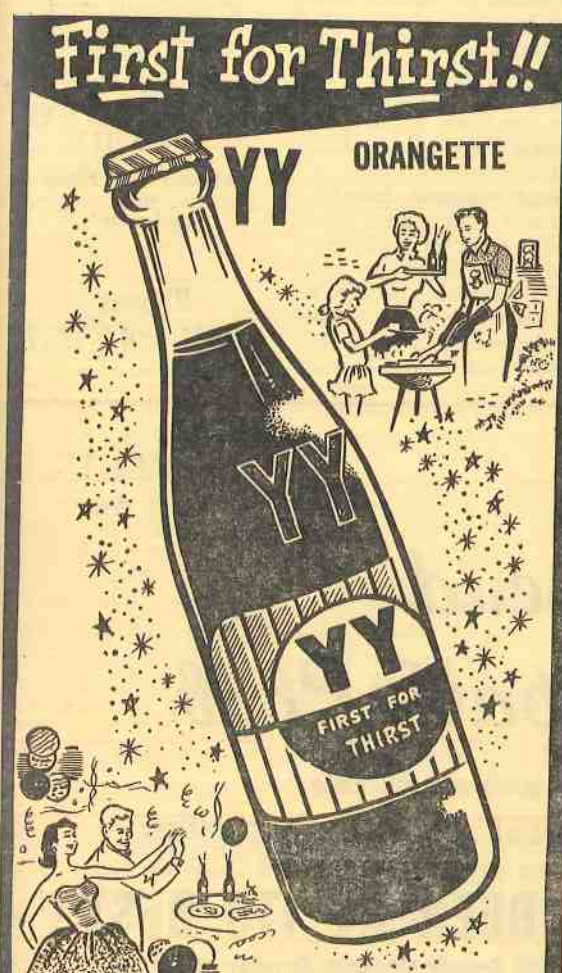
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SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

The final round of the Second Division Premiership will be played this weekend with Merewether playing Young Wallsend on Saturday and Young Wallsend requiring a win with a large score to give them an outside chance of a semi-final berth. But this is contingent upon Dudley-Redhead being defeated.

On Sunday, Weston is at home to Jesmond and although the result will in no way affect the position of either team, it is felt that Weston will prove too strong for their visitors.

Belmont-Swansea will be at home to Slavia United and after holding Weston to a 1-3 defeat, Slavia United can be expected to really extend the Belmont-Swansea boys and this has all the ear marks of being the most attractive figure of the weekend.

The premiership runners-up, Pan Hellenic, will visit the coalfields to meet Kearsley, who have slumped this season having won only four games this season, so

that Pan Hellenic should have no difficulty in maintaining their position on the competition table.

The remaining fixture is between Charlestown and Dudley-Redhead and the latter team requires at least a draw to ensure it a semi-final berth and on form it should have no great difficulty in securing this point at least.

The Third Division premiership is really developing into a really close contest for with four rounds to be played, only three points separate four teams vying for two semi-final berths, whilst only two points separate the two teams battling for the 1964 premiership.

On Saturday, Toronto Diggers at present enjoying third position (goal averages), visits Stockton at Toronto and as Stockton have only won one match Diggers should have no difficulty in registering another win.

All roads on Sunday will lead to Bellbird, where the battle of the giants between

Bellbird and Hamilton Azzuri will be staged.

Hamilton Azzuri at present on 32 points has scored 63 goals and conceded 15, giving them an average of 4.2, whilst Bellbird on 30 points has scored 71 goals and conceded 23 with an average of 3.08. A win to Bellbird therefore would put them on equal points with Hamilton Azzuri, but they would require a 7-0 victory to then beat them on goal averages whilst a win to Hamilton Azzuri would, barring accidents, practically assure them of the 1964 premiership and promotion to Second Division in 1965.

Macquarie Wanderers meet Newcastle Tech. and unless the unexpected happens, the home team should at least hold their position on the premiership table.

South Wallsend visits The Entrance and they also should maintain their position with a fairly easy win.

The remaining fixture is between Teachers' College and Barnsley and whilst the "home" team has only won

one game, Barnsley is not consistent in their form consequently, although Barnsley should win, their is no more or less, a confident approach.

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WE TOLD YOU — MAITLAND IS DOWN BUT NOT OUT IF THE PIRATES GIVE 'EM A GO!

Well, it happened! Maitland crashed. Now it plumpets to the Second Division.

That's bad luck for a struggling club but it's the way things go in Soccer—and Maitland will not be the last club to experience the pangs of disappointment at losing status. It is a fate that will overtake many of the nine clubs which remain in the First Division, for everyone's turn comes, sooner or later.

And, when all is said and done, Maitland might be fortunate that it is experiencing its reverses early in its life.

"Northern Soccer News" told you last week that John Sullivan, Maitland's president said: "We've been down before and got up again and we'll do it once more."

A spell in Second Division, in which the team should do well, will give the Maitland Club a breath-

ing space in which to group its resources for a further assault on the First Division citadel. The club has struggled against the increasing odds of small financial support and rising costs in an effort to keep up with the Jones—in this case, the richer clubs in First Division.

Maitland tried hard enough. It brought players from overseas, made efforts to mould a top-class side—and there is no doubt the team played much good football during the season—and was sufficiently enthusiastic to merit greater success. But it lacked the financial backing needed to establish itself in the big time. Now it has a chance to take stock, examine its failures and guard against them for the future. After all, it has been in divisional football for only four years, two of which it has spent in the First Division, so that it has not done badly.

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